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TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

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CINPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ID, RP, US

SUBJECT: MALIK ON U.S. BASES

REF: A) JAKARTA 4876; B) MANILA 5449; C) JAKARTA 4943.

1. AS NOTED REF C, MALIK'S UNFORTUNATE PRESS COMMENTS ON U.S. BASES IN PHILIPPINES DO NOT REFLECT VIEWS OF SUHARTO AND GOI LEADERSHIP. NONETHELESS, WE AGREE THEY SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY REBUTTED AND THAT THIS SHOULD BE DONE PROMPTLY. WHILE THERE SOME QUESTION THAT TOPIC OF U.S. BASES IN PHILIPPINES WILL BECOME CENTRAL ISSUE AT MAY 13 ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, LIKELY THAT IT WILL BE CONSIDERED. BEFORE THAT TIME, WE WOULD CERTAINLY WANT TO MAKE EVERY CONFIDENTIAL

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EFFORT INSURE THAT MALIK DOES NOT TAKE POSITION REFLECTING HIS PRESS COMMENTS.

2. AGREE FULLY WITH SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED APPROACH TO

MALIK AS OUTLINED REF C. BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT  
WOULD BE BEST TO DOWNPLAY OUR REACTION AND TO AVOID PRESS  
PLAY. UNLESS JAKARTA FEELS THERE IS COMPELLING REASON FOR  
SPECIFIC APPROACH TO MALIK LIMITED TO THIS SUBJECT, SUGGEST  
INCORPORATING IT INTO YOUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WITH HIM  
RATHER THAN SEEK SPECIAL APPOINTMENT SOLELY TO DISCUSS U.S.  
BASES IN PHILIPPINES. IN VIEW TIME FACTOR, WOULD HOPE THAT

YOU COULD FIND OCCASION TO BRACE HIM ON THIS ISSUE WELL IN  
ADVANCE OF MAY 13 ASEAN MEETING.

3. FOR SINGAPORE: IT IS NOT OUR IMPRESSION THAT  
RAJARATNAM NORMALLY ENGAGES IN TYPE OF FREE-WHEELING  
EXPRESSION OF PERSONAL VIEWS FOR WHICH MALIK IS SO NOTED.  
SINCE PRIMIN LEE HAS PUBLICLY STATED HIS HOPE THAT USG  
WOULD REMAIN MILITARILY IN SEA, WE ASSUME POSITION OF GOS  
ON PHILIPPINE BASE ISSUE WOULD BE FAVORABLE AT MAY 13  
ASEAN MEETING. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS WHETHER  
IT FEELS APPROACH TO RAJARATNAM ON THIS ISSUE WOULD BE  
NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE. LEE KUAN YEW HIMSELF WILL BE IN  
WASHINGTON FROM MAY 7 THROUGH MAY 10 AND SUBJECT OF U.S.  
BASES IN PHILIPPINES WILL BE AMONG THOSE RAISED DURING  
VISIT. KISSINGER

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